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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 3, 2003 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Submitted concurrently herewith are: (i) a clean version of the Substitute Specification (Exhibit A); (ii) a marked-up version of the Substitute Specification (Exhibit B); (iii) a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 (Exhibit C); (iv) a formal drawing of Fig. 2c (Exhibit D); (v) a Terminal Disclaimer with a copy of an Assignment of this application attached (Exhibit E); (vi) a Terminal Disclaimer Fee Sheet submitted in duplicate (Exhibit F); (vii) a Revocation and Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent (Exhibit G); and (viii) a Petition for Extension of Time (Exhibit H).



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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 § 1.125(b), the undersigned states that no new matter has been added to the Substitute Specification in the clean and marked-up version submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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